1. Choose the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

a) *Once/Afterwards* I'd read the manual, I found I could use the computer easily.

b) It was more than a month *before/until* I realised what had happened.

c) I managed to talk to Carol just *as/while* she was leaving.

d) It wasn't *until/up to* 1983 that Nigel could afford to take holidays abroad.

e) George always let me know *by the time/whenever* he was going to be late.

f) I was having a bath *at the time/that time*, so I didn't hear the doorbell.

g) We bought our tickets and five minutes *after/later* the train arrived.

h) According to Grandpa, people used to dress formally *those days/in his day*.

i) Everyone was talking but stopped *at that time/the moment* Mr Smith arrived,

j) The letter still hadn't arrived *by/until* the end of the week.

1. Put each verb in brackets into a suitable past verb form.

This time last year I (1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cycle) in the rain along a countryroad in France with a friend of mine. We (2)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to go on a cycling holiday in Normandy. Neither of us (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(be) to France before, but we (4)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) some French from our time at school and we (5)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (manage) to brush up on the basics. Now we (6)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wonder) if we (7)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (make) the right decision. We (8)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (plan) our route carefully in advance, but we (9)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (forget) one important thing, the weather. It (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(rain) solidly since our arrival and that night we (11)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (end up) sleeping in the waiting room at a railway station. Then the next morning as we (12)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ride) down a steep hill my bike (13)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (skid) on the wet road and I (14)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (fall off). I (15)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (realise) immediately that I (16)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (break) my arm, and after a visit to the local hospital I (17)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (catch) the next train to Calais for the ferry home. Unfortunately my parents (18)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/expect) me home for a fortnight, and (19)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) away on holiday. So I (20)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (spend) a miserable couple of weeks alone, reading 'Teach Yourself French'.